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DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING RELEASES BRAILLE VERSION OF EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY BROCHURE

Sacramento – The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) today released the Braille version of its brochure titled "Employment Discrimination Based on Disability." The brochure describes the rights of disabled Californians to seek and maintain employment without discrimination due to an actual or perceived disability.

The Braille release coincides with the twelfth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which was established on July 26, 1990. The ADA requires that public entities make publications available in alternate formats such as Braille and large print. DFEH San Diego District Office Administrator Jose Herrera, Jr., presented the first Braille copies to the Access Center of San Diego, Inc., on Saturday at a celebration in recognition of the ADA anniversary.

"The Access Center can be proud of their efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the resources they need to be fully productive members of their communities," said DFEH Director Dennis Hayashi. "As California law offers protections for disabled persons in the workplace that meet and exceed the ADA, we appreciate the opportunity to emphasize these protections through this new publication."

Persons requiring the Braille format may contact the Department on its statewide toll-free number **1-800-884-1684** or TTY at **1-800-700-2320**. An order form is also available on the Department's website at: www.dfeh.ca.gov.

DFEH enforces laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and freedom from hate violence. Protected bases include disability, race color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, and source of income. Further information about DFEH and its services may be obtained by calling (800) 884-1684 (employment & public accommodation); or 1-800-233-3212 (housing); or by accessing DFEH's website at www.dfeh.ca.gov.

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